

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Byrne was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the January 2, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- o He will be attending the Legislative Conference later this week in Indianapolis.
- o Presented a letter to Council from the Rush County Community Foundation thanking the City for the annual donation.
- o Presented Council with an article regarding a dangerous dog ordinance for review.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Copley updated Council on the loan the City borrowed from the electric liquidation fund for the annexation project. She said originally \$565,998.00 was borrowed. As of today she has repaid \$272,871.00. Leaving a balance to be paid of \$293,127.00. This was to be paid back within 3 years. The money used to pay back the loan has been interest received on cd's from the electric liquidation fund and money left over in last year's budget from the annexation line items.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Pavey said there will be an Ag Zoning meeting on Thursday regarding the maps. He also said on January 24 there will be a seminar for representatives of the APC and BZA at the Learning Center.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge said that the transmission on the Explorer needed to be rebuilt or replaced and it is out of warranty. The cost to rebuild it is approximately \$2,200.00 this is with a discount of \$500.00 and it does include a warranty. He said with this expense he may need an additional appropriation later in the year.

Fudge gave a report for 2006. He said the Reserve Unit now consists of 9 Reserve Officers. In 2006 they provided services for 44 details, clocked 1,675 hours, and drove 9,177 miles.

Some of the increases the Police Department noted in 2006 were drunk driving offenses, K-9 assists, and public intoxication. Incidents down were calls for agency assistance, property damage accidents, loud music, abandon vehicles, juvenile problems, animal complaints. Fudge also said the amount of calls for 2006 only increased by 6 calls.

Cale Worley and Jarrod Drake were then sworn in by Mayor Bridges as new Rushville City Reserve Officers.

**Fire** – Bridges said the Fire Department received a Dell Laptop from the Rush County EMA.

**Street** – Bennett said he has requested quotes for purchase of 2 trucks.

**Park** – Mathews announced the Valentine Dance will be February 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 at the Benjamin Rush Middle School. If anyone would like to chaperone he would be grateful.

**Code Enforcement** – Harmon said the GIS was kicked off last week. An action plan has been put together and documents have been delivered to WTH.

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

Sheehan had a request from the Historical Society for a handicap sign. Fudge said that in order to enforce it we would have to pass an ordinance. It was agreed to put up a courtesy handicap sign and see how that works.

John Byrne called the Mayor with a concern of a water drainage problem in the 1100 block of Washington Street. Danny Bennett will take a look at it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Ordinance 2007-1 Supplement to Code of Ordinance** – Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2007-1. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Health Insurance Renewal** – Kevin Mandrell presented a proposal for health insurance renewal. He said the overall premium would increase approximately \$60,000.00 over last year. He said Anthem is pleased that the employees are responding.

He said so far it doesn't look as though the dental, life, and disability will increase, but he will let us know as soon as he receives the numbers.

Sheehan moved to accept the quote on insurance which was stated on the handout as the Anthem Revised Renewal. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BBR Vision CF-1** – Duane Reindel presented the CF-1 for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the CF-1. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ECDC 2006 Report** – Greg Griffin gave a report of the accomplishments of the ECDC for 2006. Some of those were as follows:

- 30 Board members
- Strategic planning retreat
- Ag Round Table
- Increase in inquiries
- Ethanol plant
- Trip to Japan
- State Road 3 proposal 4 lane highway
- Member Eastern Indiana Development Commission
- Submitted Shovel Ready Site Application

- Established a brand image
- Advertisements in Indiana Business Magazine with an article
- Advertisement in Indianapolis Star
- Converted Web Page to Japanese
- Established Honda task force
- Agricultural zoning ordinance
- Received a micro enterprise grant for small businesses
- Worked with the Heart of Rushville on a historic walking tour

**Claims –** Pavey made a motion to approve all claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER